

Regarding the FCC's proposal to displace stations using FM translator service in favor of local stations using owner frequencies:

As supporter of and listeners to Air 1 Radio (which we listen to at 102.7 FM in Portland, Oregon), we oppose the proposal that would expand LPFM stations, allowing them to take priority over FM translator service. We do so for the following reasons:

1. Air 1 Radio (and its sister station K-Love) serves residents of our local community by providing unique and insightful programming not heard on stations. It even notifies us of events taking place in the Portland area and the Pacific Northwest.

2. We have two concerns about what would occur if Air 1 was displaced in our area by an LPFM broadcaster providing other programming:

- a. First, this would leave Portland area residents without any station providing unique programming of Air 1.

- b. Secondly, teenagers and young adults in our area would be left without an alternative to the usual Top 40 stations, which are primarily aimed at teenagers and which often promote negative messages including references to drug use, violence, misogyny and even suicide.

3. We strongly believe the service provided by Air 1 is in the public interest for at least three reasons:

- a. Air 1 offers music and dialogue with encouraging words and messages - something people living in this post 9-11 would desperately need!

- b. Air 1's programming fills a niche unique to that of other stations in our area. Many groups played on Air 1 do not get any exposure on other Christian stations because their musical style is not deemed "soft" enough for their particular audience.

- c. For those in need, Air 1 provides chaplains who are available 24/7 to counsel people who feel hopeless, depressed - and even suicidal: It is not unusual to hear an Air 1 listener call in and recount how they had planned to end their life and changed their minds when they reached a "live" person volunteering at this radio station who genuinely cared for them and provided resources where they could find help and hope.

We strongly urge you to consider these factors when making your decision.

Respectfully,

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